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## **Senate Appropriations Committee Includes \$50,000 for Sebewaing Harbor Commission**

*Barcia amendment adopted to help prevent flooding in Sebewaing*

(LANSING)—The Senate Appropriations Committee has adopted an amendment offered by Senator Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) that would grant the Sebewaing Harbor Commission \$50,000 to dredge silt material for flood control and to improve recreational use of the harbor.

“This money will help the Sebewaing Harbor Commission deal with the serious issue of flooding in the area,” said Barcia. “I am happy that my colleagues saw the benefits of making this investment in prevention and public safety.”

The money for Sebewaing was included as an amendment to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) budget which was adopted by the full Senate Appropriations Committee today. The money will be appropriated from the Michigan State Waterways Fund.

With above average rainfall amounts, Sebewaing is facing the very real threat of flood damage to public and private property. Senator Barcia offered the amendment as a way to give the Sebewaing Harbor Commission some immediate help in tackling the long term problem of flood prevention. This important work being performed by the Commission will also improve and enhance opportunities for recreational activities in the harbor.

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“While this money will provide Sebewaing with much needed resources to deal with the precarious flooding situation in the short term, it will take a much larger investment to fix the problem in the long term,” said Barcia. “I will continue to work with the Sebewaing Harbor Commission in securing additional funding to carry out more substantial work in the harbor.”

The DNR budget will now be sent to the full Senate for consideration.

State Senator Jim Barcia represents the 31<sup>st</sup> Senate District, which includes Arenac, Bay, Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola counties. He is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, where he serves as Vice-Chair of the subcommittees on Agriculture, Environmental Quality, Natural Resources, and Transportation.

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